

# Data Coordination Board

## Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health, the Data Coordination Board (DCB) has approved a change to an existing information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DCB unique identifier	DCB1582 Amd 16/2017
Name	Electronic Yellow Card Reporting, Version 3.0
Approval date	12 October 2017
Publication date	26 October 2017
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) collects reports of suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs) via the Yellow Card Scheme. These reports provide a source of information on potential drug safety issues allowing the Agency to take regulatory action to protect public health.</p> <p>Reports can be submitted in a number of ways and this standard is designed to make it easier, and therefore less burdensome, for healthcare professionals to produce and send reports by enabling direct reporting from the clinical system.</p> <p>Integration of direct Yellow Card reporting into clinical systems makes it easy to complete and send a Yellow Card because much of the information needed can be automatically populated from patient records. At the same time, electronic reporting provides a secure, fast, and convenient method for submitting information about suspected adverse drug reactions.</p>
About this change	<p>This release introduces minor wording changes to enhance user understanding of system requirements and conformance criteria. In addition, clarification is given in respect of XML message and field validations.</p> <p>This should provide more clarity for system suppliers and reduce the risk of transcribing and translational errors by healthcare professionals.</p> <p>The opportunity has also been taken to provide updated details about the mapping of (a) SNOMED CT to MedDRA terms and (b) dm+d to the MHRA drugs dictionary.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>General Practices <b>MUST</b> follow this standard. Other NHS providers, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acute trusts</li> <li>• community trusts</li> <li>• pharmacies</li> </ul> <p><b>MAY</b> follow this standard.</p>

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Impacts upon	<p>Implementation of this information standard impacts all health IT systems suppliers providing Yellow Card functionality in systems to the above providers; suppliers should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.</p> <p>Note that as part of the requirements under the NHS <a href="#">GP Systems of Choice Programme</a> (GPSoC), all suppliers of primary care systems must integrate electronic Yellow Card facilities into their clinical software.</p>
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website:</p> <p><a href="http://www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb1582">www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb1582</a></p>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation date	1 February 2018
Full conformance date	1 December 2018
Post Implementation Review date	1 December 2019

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